

preserved by vinegar or acetic acid in concentrations at 0.5 percent or greater; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3219. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain pepperoncini prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3220. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain Giardiniera prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid in concentrations less than 0.5 percent; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3221. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Ecoflex F BX7011; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3222. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on triphenol phosphine; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3223. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain capers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3224. A bill to extend the duty reduction on artichokes, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3225. A bill to extend temporarily the reduction of duty on artichokes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3226. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain capers in containers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3227. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain twisted yarn of viscose rayon; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3228. A bill to provide for the liquidation or reliquidation of certain entries relating to palm fatty acid distillate; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. 3229. A bill to clarify the classification of certain high-density fiberboard and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 3230. A bill to reduce temporarily the duty on Mesotriene Technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 3231. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain structures, parts, and components for use in an isotopic separation facility; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 3232. A bill to extend and modify duty suspensions relating to wool, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 3233. A bill to make technical corrections relating to duties on wool products; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3234. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on lug bottom boots for use in fishing waders; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3235. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on felt bottom boots for use in waders; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3236. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain golf bag bodies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROBERTS:

S. 3237. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the intel-

ligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; from the Select Committee on Intelligence; to the Committee on Armed Services pursuant to section 3(b) of S. Res. 400, 94th Congress, as amended by S. Res. 445, 108th Congress, for a period not to exceed 10 days of session.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 3238. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DAYTON (for himself and Mr. LOTT):

S. 3239. A bill to require full disclosure of insurance coverage and noncoverage by insurance companies and provide for Federal Trade Commission enforcement; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 3240. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to clarify that tariff treatment of textile parts of seats and other furniture; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 494. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. TALENT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DODD, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 495. A resolution designating June 8, 2006, as the day of a National Vigil for Lost Promise; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 190

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 190, a bill to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, and for other purposes.

S. 236

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 236, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the treatment of payment under the medicare program for clinical laboratory tests furnished by critical access hospitals.

S. 438

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 438, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a scholarship and loan repayment program for public health preparedness workforce development to eliminate critical public health preparedness workforce shortages in Federal, State, local, and tribal public health agencies.

S. 635

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 635, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the benefits under the medicare program for beneficiaries with kidney disease, and for other purposes.

S. 841

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 841, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 1035

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1035, a bill to authorize the presentation of commemorative medals on behalf of Congress to Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during foreign conflicts in which the United States was involved during the 20th century in recognition of the service of those Native Americans to the United States.

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1321

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1321, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on telephone and other communications.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. 1353, a

bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry.

S. 1417

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1417, a bill to impose tariff-rate quotas on certain casein and milk protein concentrates.

S. 1509

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1509, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to add non-human primates to the definition of prohibited wildlife species.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1575, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a demonstration program to increase the number of doctorally-prepared nurse faculty.

S. 1741

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1741, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

S. 1774

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1774, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the expansion, intensification, and coordination of the activities of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute with respect to research on pulmonary hypertension.

S. 2071

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify congressional intent regarding the counting of residents in the nonhospital setting under the medicare program.

S. 2124

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 2124, a bill to address the needs of individuals with disabilities in emergency planning requirements and relief efforts in the event of a major disaster, to increase the accessibility of replacement housing built with Federal funds following Hurricane Katrina and other major disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 2278

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from North Da-

kota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 2278, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 2321

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2321, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille.

S. 2370

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2370, a bill to promote the development of democratic institutions in areas under the administrative control of the Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. REED, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2370, *supra*.

S. 2452

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2452, a bill to prohibit picketing at the funerals of members and former members of the armed forces.

S. 2491

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN), and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2491, a bill to award a Congressional gold medal to Byron Nelson in recognition of his significant contributions to the game of golf as a player, a teacher, and a commentator.

S. 2505

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2505, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on aerosol valves designed to deliver a metered dose (50 microliters) of a pressurized liquid pharmaceutical.

S. 2548

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2548, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that State and local emergency preparedness operational plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency.

S. 2549

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2549, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the use of health savings accounts for the payment of health insurance premiums for high deductible health plans purchased in the individual market.

S. 2554

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2554, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the permissible use of health savings accounts to include premiums for non-group high deductible health plan coverage.

S. 2556

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2556, a bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to reform of executive compensation in corporate bankruptcies.

S. 2563

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2563, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prompt payment to pharmacies under part D, to restrict pharmacy co-branding on prescription drug cards issued under such part, and to provide guidelines for Medication Therapy Management Services programs offered by prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans under such part.

S. 2566

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2566, a bill to provide for coordination of proliferation interdiction activities and conventional arms disarmament, and for other purposes.

S. 2635

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2635, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the transportation fringe benefit to bicycle commuters.

S. 2658

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2658, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 2677

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2677, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualified fuel cell property, and for other purposes.

S. 2703

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2703, a bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

S. 2725

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2725, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage and to ensure that increases in the Federal minimum wage keep pace with any pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

S. 2811

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2811, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual, coordinated election period under the Medicare part D prescription drug program through all of 2006 and to provide for a refund of excess premiums paid during 2006, and for other purposes.

S. 2816

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2816, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an income tax credit for the manufacture of flexible fuel motor vehicles and to extend and increase the income tax credit for alternative fuel refueling property, and for other purposes.

S. 2817

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2817, a bill to promote renewable fuel and energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2824

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2824, a bill to reduce the burdens of the implementation of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

S. 2943

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2943, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain men's footwear with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2948

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2948, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's footwear with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2949

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2949, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain footwear valued over \$20 a pair with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2950

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2950, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain men's footwear valued over \$20 a pair with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2951

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2951, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's footwear valued over \$20 a pair with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2952

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2952, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain other footwear valued over \$20 a pair with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2953

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2953, a bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain men's footwear covering the ankle with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2954

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2954, a bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain footwear not covering the ankle with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2955

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2955, a bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain women's footwear covering the ankle with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2956

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2956, a bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain women's footwear not covering the ankle with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2957

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2957, a bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain other footwear covering the ankle with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S. 2958

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2958, a bill to reduce temporarily the duty on certain footwear with coated or laminated textile fabrics.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage.

S. RES. 180

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin

(Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 180, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a National Epidermolysis Bullosa Awareness Week to raise public awareness and understanding of the disease and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families.

S. RES. 320

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 320, a resolution calling the President to ensure that the foreign policy of the United States reflects appropriate understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide documented in the United States record relating to the Armenian Genocide.

S. RES. 331

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 331, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding fertility issues facing cancer survivors.

S. RES. 462

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 462, a resolution designating June 8, 2006, as the day of a National Vigil for Lost Promise.

S. RES. 485

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 485, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate concerning the value of family planning for American women.

S. RES. 493

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 493, a resolution calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to establish immediately a full, independent, public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Pat Finucane, as recommended by international Judge Peter Cory as part of the Western Park agreement and a way forward for the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

AMENDMENT NO. 4108

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4108 proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4138

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4138 intended to be proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4167

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4167 intended to be proposed to S. 2611, a bill to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 3061. A bill to extend the patent term for the badge of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of S. 3061, 3062, and 3063 be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bills were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3061

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. PATENT TERM EXTENSION FOR THE BADGE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY.

The term of a certain design patent numbered 55,398 (for the badge of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary) is renewed and extended for a period of 14 years beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to such patent.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 3062. A bill to extend the patent term for the badge of the American Legion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3062

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. PATENT TERM EXTENSION FOR THE BADGE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

The term of a certain design patent numbered 54,296 (for the badge of the American Legion) is renewed and extended for a period of 14 years beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to such patent.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 3063. A bill to extend the patent term for the badge of the Sons of the American Legion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 3063

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. PATENT TERM EXTENSION FOR THE BADGE OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

The term of a certain design patent numbered 92,187 (for the badge of the Sons of the American Legion) is renewed and extended for a period of 14 years beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to such patent.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 3114. A bill to establish a bipartisan commission on insurance reform;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of these four bills, the Commission on Catastrophic Disaster Risk and Insurance Act of 2006, the Catastrophe Savings Accounts Act of 2006, the Policyholder Disaster Protection Act of 2006, and the Homeowners Protection Act of 2006, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bills was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3114

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Commission on Catastrophic Disaster Risk and Insurance Act of 2006".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma, which struck the United States in 2005, caused over \$200 billion in total economic losses, including insured and uninsured losses.

(2) Although private sector insurance is currently available to spread some catastrophe-related losses throughout the Nation and internationally, most experts believe there will be significant insurance and reinsurance shortages, resulting in dramatic rate increases for consumers and businesses, and the unavailability of catastrophe insurance.

(3) The Federal Government has provided and will continue to provide billions of dollars and resources to pay for losses from catastrophes, including hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, tornados, and other disasters, at huge costs to American taxpayers.

(4) The Federal Government has a critical interest in ensuring appropriate and fiscally responsible risk management of catastrophes. Mortgages require reliable property insurance, and the unavailability of reliable property insurance would make most real estate transactions impossible. In addition, the public health, safety, and welfare demand that structures damaged or destroyed in a catastrophe be reconstructed as soon as possible. Therefore, the inability of the private sector insurance and reinsurance markets to maintain sufficient capacity to enable Americans to obtain property insurance coverage in the private sector endangers the national economy and the public health, safety, and welfare.

(5) Multiple proposals have been introduced in the United States Congress over the past decade to address catastrophic risk insurance, including the creation of a national catastrophic reinsurance fund and the revision of the Federal tax code to allow insurers to use tax-deferred catastrophe funds, yet Congress has failed to act on any of these proposals.

(6) To the extent the United States faces high risks from catastrophe exposure, essential technical information on financial structures and innovations in the catastrophe insurance market is needed.

(7) The most efficient and effective approach to assessing the catastrophe insurance problem in the public policy context is to establish a bipartisan commission of experts to study the management of catastrophic disaster risk, and to require such commission to timely report its recommendations to Congress so that Congress can quickly craft a solution to protect the American people.

#### SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is established a bipartisan Commission on Catastrophic Disaster Risk and Insurance (in this Act referred to as the "Commission").

#### SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) MEMBERS.—The Commission shall be composed of the following:

(1) The Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency or a designee of the Director.

(2) The Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or a designee of the Administrator.

(3) 12 additional members or their designees of whom one shall be—

(A) a representative of a consumer group;

(B) a representative of a primary insurance company;

(C) a representative of a reinsurance company;

(D) an independent insurance agent with experience in writing property and casualty insurance policies;

(E) a State insurance regulator;

(F) a State emergency operations official;

(G) a scientist;

(H) a faculty member of an accredited university with experience in risk management;

(I) a member of nationally recognized think tank with experience in risk management;

(J) a homebuilder with experience in structural engineering;

(K) a mortgage lender; and

(L) a nationally recognized expert in anti-trust law.

(b) MANNER OF APPOINTMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any member of the Commission described under subsection (a)(3) shall be appointed only upon unanimous agreement of—

(A) the majority leader of the Senate;

(B) the minority leader of the Senate;

(C) the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(2) CONSULTATION.—In making any appointment under paragraph (1), each individual described in paragraph (1) shall consult with the President.

(c) ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection (a), no member or officer of the Congress, or other member or officer of the Executive Branch of the United States Government or any State government may be appointed to be a member of the Commission.

(d) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Commission shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.

(2) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(e) QUORUM.—

(1) MAJORITY.—A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings.

(2) APPROVAL ACTIONS.—All recommendations and reports of the Commission required by this Act shall be approved only by a majority vote of a quorum of the Commission.

(f) CHAIRPERSON.—The majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives shall jointly select 1 member appointed pursuant to subsection (a) to serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.

(g) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call of its Chairperson or a majority of its members at any time.